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 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

a.  Previously submittedi.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed oniii.  Otherb.  Enclosedi.  Amendment/Replyii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDSiv.  Other2.  A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

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Respectfully submitted,

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